

PEACE ENVOYS REACH AGREEMENT FOR PEACE AND WAR IN EAST WILL END

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ARMISTICE WILL BE ARRANGED AT ONCE

Question of Indemnity and of Disposition of Sakhalin Were Only Points on Which They had Previously Failed to Agree.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 29.—The peace envoys announce that they have reached complete accord on all points and that the treaty of peace will be drafted.

At 12.30 this afternoon M. Korostevetz, the Russian spokesman, telephoned the following official statement to the Publishers Press:

"In the session this morning the conference arrived at complete accord on all questions. It has been decided to proceed to an elaboration of a treaty of peace. The conference adjourned until 3 this afternoon."

It is learned that Japan has absolutely waived her demand for a cash indemnity. An armistice will be arranged at once.

M. Witte Confirms It.

M. Witte announced upon his arrival at the hotel at 1:10 that peace had been agreed upon. He said that under the agreement Russia was not to pay a kopeck for indemnity and that Sakhalin was to be divided. The Publishers Press has just received absolute confirmation of its exclusive statement that at Saturday's session of the envoys M. Witte extended assurances that if the Japanese government would waive its demand for a cash indemnity the Russian envoys would bind themselves to proceed immediately to the negotiation of a treaty of peace. The Japanese government went a step further than its envoys here thought it would and by deciding to wipe out the indemnity clause, placed in the hands of Baron Komura the lever by which the obstacle in the form of Russian opposition was easily removed from the pathway of peace.

Russia Does Not Pay a Cent.

In responding to the congratulations on the diplomatic achievement of Russia in securing such favorable terms, Mr. Pokotiloff, Russian minister to China, said: "It was a stroke of genius. There is only one man in the world that could have done it—M. Witte."

Mr. Pokotiloff also announced that the arbitration of any of the questions in dispute had never been mentioned. "Russia," he said, "does not pay a cent and gives the Japanese the southern half of Sakhalin." It is announced that Russia is to pay Japan a reasonable sum for the maintenance of eight thousand Russian prisoners. The amount will be decided later. It may reach \$75,000,000.

Japanese Correspondents in Tears.

The Japanese correspondents at the hotel are almost in tears. They declare that it is "peace with dishonor," and say that their country will be wild with indignation tonight.

News Sent to Europe.

Portsmouth, August 29.—Cable dispatches have been sent to Tokio and St. Petersburg announcing the peace agreement and urging the ordering of an armistice at once. It is understood that decrees to this effect will be issued within a few hours.

Roosevelt Was Pleased.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 29.—President Roosevelt was immensely pleased to receive word from Portsmouth that the peace envoys had reached an agreement. "That is just splendid," he is reported to have said, "I haven't heard anything that has pleased me so much for years."

Announcement of Break.

Announcement was made last night that the Japanese envoys would this morning make a new proposition which, it was confidently asserted, would bring the conference to a successful termination. The statement that Japan was ready to waive the question of indemnity and submit the price to be paid for the northern half of Sakhalin to the judgment of a mixed commission was received with surprise last night. The Japanese themselves refused to admit

it, and the Russians said they had no confirmation of the report. Nevertheless, on all hands it was admitted if Japan took this position, the ground was cut out from under Emperor Nicholas. M. Witte, by consummate skill in conceding all the demands of Japan involving the real issues of the war, had maneuvered his adversaries into a position where unless they abandoned the claim for indemnity, they could be held responsible for continuing the war for money. The Japanese by now foregoing the demand for indemnity, practically turn the tables upon the Russians and shift the burden back to her shoulders if she does not consent to submit a minor issue to the impartial judgment of a tribunal.

While apparently the real negotiations leading up to yesterday's denouement were conducted by the President at Oyster Bay, acting through Baron Kaneko on the one hand and Ambassador Meyer on the other, it is now believed that much has been going on beneath the surface here.

Visit of a Financier.

Another indication of the sudden turn in the events was the arrival here last night of Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the City National bank of New York. He registered at the hotel as "John Howard" and after dinner went to M. Witte's room and remained there one hour. When asked his mission, Mr. Vanderlip said he was only "interested" in the situation. He had met Mr. Witte several years ago when he was at the head of the Russian finance ministry and had also seen him in New York upon his arrival. He had talked with him about the situation and outlook in Russia, the state of the negotiations, etc. He evaded inquiries as to whether the subject of a loan had been discussed, but considering the importance of the "financial group" of which the City National bank is a member and the fact that the bank took a portion of one of the Russian loans, it is fair to assume that the question of finance was not entirely ignored.

Some of the Japanese correspondents were greatly excited last night over the reports that the Tokyo government had surrendered on the subject of indemnity. They refused to believe it, declaring that, if true, it would cause a tremendous outburst of popular feeling in Japan.

What Russia Has Given Up.

A review of the negotiations makes it plain that Russia has really given up nothing that has not already been taken by force of arms. Here are the demands which she admits: Japan's preponderating influence in Korea; the evacuation of Manchuria and its return to China; the cession of the leasehold in the Liaotung Peninsula to Japan; the transfer of the railway from Port Arthur to Harbin, and the Siberian fishing rights. Every one of these demands Japan has forced by her arms, except that the Russian army holds two-thirds of Manchuria.

Japan dropped her claims to interned ships and a limitation of Russia's naval power, leaving the deadlock in the negotiations on Russia's refusal to pay indemnity or to cede Sakhalin, part of which island is held by Japanese military forces.

It was when this deadlock seemed like

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STATE OF PANIC FROM YELLOW FEVER

Districts Around New Orleans Are Becoming Infected and Levee Is Badly in Need of Provisions.

New Orleans, August 29.—Nineteen new cases of yellow fever were reported yesterday from thirteen infected points outside of the city. Levee is in a state of panic, and provisions are needed there. Baton Rouge has quarantined the state of Mississippi and Texas has quarantined the state of Mississippi, and Memphis.

Yesterday's yellow fever record showed an increase in the number of new cases and centers of infection over the day before, but indicated a decrease in deaths from 13 to 5. One of the deaths was Sister Mary Engelheist of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, and her case was not reported until her death. It is the first from that institution.

Reports from the country are: Patterson, six cases. Eighth ward of Jefferson parish, one case.

Sirevalbury, one death. Kenner, four cases. Hanson City, two cases and one death. Donaldville, one case. This is a new development and is traced to Port Barrow, across the Bayou. Port Barrow, one case. St. Rose, three cases. Pecan Grove, one case. Good Hope plantation, one death. Waveland plantation, South of Patterson, six cases.

Belheim plantation, west of Patterson, four cases.

Gulfport reports one new case. Natchez makes no report of new cases, the people deciding to await the arrival of an expert before accepting the statement that yellow fever is present.

Ecatampa, Miss., near Mississippi point, reports four cases.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Parents Leave Their Two Children in Albany Hotel.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Evidence regarding the identity of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rogers, who went out of the Hotel Ten Eyck here Friday night, leaving their two little boys, one a baby of six months and the other six years old in the care of a chambermaid, is steadily accumulating, but their whereabouts is as much a mystery as ever.

The police are working on a theory that Rogers and his wife are still in Albany or near at hand. There is nothing to show why they should wish to abandon their children deliberately; on the contrary, letters found in their rooms at the hotel and the behavior of the older boy, Rex, demonstrate that up to this time the youngsters were tenderly cared for. One of these letters, evidently cherished by Mrs. Rogers, was written for the child to his mother by a grown person. In it Rex sends "loads of kisses." Yesterday when one of the sympathetic housekeepers at the hotel, wanted to kiss Rex, he declined the honor. "I never kiss anybody but my mamma," he explained.

JOHNSTOWN'S BIG BLAZE.

Loss of About Half a Million Early This Morning.

Johnstown, Pa., August 29.—The building and stock of the Penn Traffic company, which operates the largest department store in the city, are a total loss, as the result of a fire that started about eleven o'clock Sunday night, among some refuse near the elevator shaft in one of the wings of the buildings. The estimated loss is \$500,000, which is almost covered by insurance.

The entire fire department of the city was called out. For a time the Crystal hotel and other buildings across the street from the Penn traffic store were threatened, but the fire department succeeded in confining the blaze to the building in which it originated.

TRIED TO KILL HERSELF.

Randolph Woman Drank a Carbolic Acid Solution.

Randolph, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Barney Shapiro, who has been in rather delicate health since the birth of her son, about three weeks ago, attempted suicide yesterday at her home in the William Bass house by taking a quantity of a carbolic solution. Shortly after taking the solution she was found lying prostrate on the bed by one of the neighbors, who immediately sent for assistance and, in a few minutes, Dr. L. A. Russell and C. L. Stewart succeeded in removing the acid from her stomach by means of a stomach pump. Her mouth and throat were badly burned, but it is thought she will recover. The acid could not have been taken by mistake, but was swallowed during a spell of insanity.

DEYASTATION CONTINUES.

Peasants and Farm Laborers Were the Aggressors.

Berlin, August 29.—The devastation of landed property in Russia continues, according to reports received here. Peasants and farm laborers are the aggressors in most instances, and many estates have been pillaged by them. Outbreaks have been especially frequent in the province of Courland, where many Germans have suffered. Sunday night peasants plundered the post office at Domeneas. Officials were seized and fettered, after being maltreated. A large sum of money was taken from the post office, which was set on fire.

INTERVIEWED A JAPANESE

Local Pastor Quotes Entirely From It.

ON THE PEACE SITUATION

Rev. R. F. Lowe Gained Information From a Japanese Newspaper Correspondent at Portsmouth.

Rev. R. F. Lowe, pastor of Hedding M. E. Church, who has been passing his vacation at Kittery Point, Maine, where the peace envoys are holding their sessions, gives the following interesting account of some of the happenings there:

We have been highly favored in seeing the envoys under the most favorable conditions. We stood within a few feet of them at their public reception in Portsmouth, and have met them several times as they came and went in their automobiles.

It is not safe to draw lasting conclusions from hasty impressions, but impressions we must have so long as we are human, and sometimes they are interesting. There is no doubt but that the Russians have gained somewhat in public favor on account of the character of their envoys. Since we are racially much nearer the Russians than to their antagonists, we understand them better and observe their individuality quicker. In a long conversation with a Japanese correspondent, I said: "You Japs do not reveal your character and feelings as the Russians do; your friend here (Mr. Fukutomi, correspondent for the Boston Herald) might be a very good or a very bad man, but no one could tell by looking at him." "We are taught from early childhood," responded Mr. N., "to repress our feelings. Heroes in Japan must be quiet, taciturn men, like your late General Grant. For my part I am altogether too talkative a person to be popular at home."

But to return to impressions. For the reason that the Russians are more like Americans, M. Witte in particular, they have made gains in favor. M. Witte himself seems more like a good-natured, easy-going American sea-captain than a courtier. He walks around in a crowd in a pleasant, familiar way, as though he would like to joke with you and slap you on the back. Baron Rosen, on the other hand, looks like a finished diplomat, and rumor has it that he is slated for a very important embassy. Curiously enough, the little Jap correspondent, doubtless reflecting Japanese opinion, has a poor opinion of Witte, but thinks well of Rosen. When I asked him his reasons, he said that Rosen would be willing to give in and settle, while Witte hangs off. The latter, he claims, is insincere. At first he proposed that Sunday conferences be held, but on Saturday, August 12, he gave out in a public way that he would hold no conference on the American Sunday. By such little artifices he is trying to curry favor with America.

My acquaintance, by the way, assists Fukutomi, the aforesaid Herald man, who is not so well versed in our language, by translating his daily letter from Japanese into English. "Suppose Russia agrees to pay an indemnity, what assurance will you have that she will pay it?" "Well," he said, "for one thing we might hold Vladivostok as a kind of mortgage. Then there are other ways." "What do you think of the future of Christianity in your country?" "It has a splendid future," he said. "My parents are Buddhists, but I am not. 'Do you think it will ever become the dominant faith?' That is a hard question. It is certainly making great strides." Pointing to a fastidious little Jap, he told me that the latter was a better authority on that subject. This dapper individual, with a diminutive black moustache and pink cheeks, also said that Christianity is gaining fast, but that it will take a new form there, different from any that we have known. "Its form is changing in the West, and we must suppose that it will in the East." "Do you think that the Japanese are a profoundly religious people?" "That is another hard question," he replied. He admitted that there are more intelligent men there than here without any fixed faith. He said that there is not the slightest persecution when one turns Christian.

SCALDED IN HIS ENGINE.

Brattleboro Engineer Killed in Accident Yesterday.

Brattleboro, August 29.—The first fatal accident on the reconstructed West River railroad running from Brattleboro to South Londonderry occurred yesterday afternoon when the engine and one freight car on the mixed train left the track north of Williamsville and rolled down a 25-foot embankment. Engineer A. W. Shattuck of this place was caught in the engine and so scalded by escaping steam that he died about six o'clock. He was removed from the spot in an automobile, reaching his home before he died.

Shattuck was 38 years old and had been an engineer for seven years. He is survived by a wife.

There has been much trouble on the road since it was changed from narrow to standard gauge. The track has not been rehabilitated, and almost every day cars leave the track.

VETERANS RE-UNITE TO TALK IT OVER

Four Well-Known Men Met at Northfield Today, Col. Brown, Dr. George Nichols, Dr. J. B. Crandall, and Prof. Charles Thayer.

Montpelier, August 29.—Battles of the Civil War will be fought over by four old veterans assembled at Northfield today, hardships will be recalled, and the friendships made in the bloody days of 1861-65 will be cemented anew when Dr. J. B. Crandall of Sterling, Ill., Col. A. C. Brown of Montpelier, Dr. George Nichols of Northfield and Prof. Charles Thayer of Tufts College, Mass., meet at the home of Mr. Nichols.

Dr. Crandall, accompanied by his daughter, Laura, came to Montpelier last night from Boston, with Prof. Thayer, and will be guests at the Pavilion hotel for two weeks, during which time they will visit relatives about this section. Dr. Crandall is a brother of George H. Crandall of Berlin. He, Col. Brown and Prof. Thayer left this morning for Northfield for the reunion. The last named, the son of the late Dr. S. W. Thayer of Burlington, is professor of anatomy in Tufts college.

Dr. Crandall is one of the three survivors of the field staff of the 13th Vermont regiment, being assistant surgeon to the regiment, under Dr. Nichols of Northfield as chief surgeon, and Col. Brown as lieutenant colonel. Dr. Thayer had not been in 40 years, they having been comrades in the days of the Civil War. Mr. Johnson is the guest of his cousin, George Leslie of the Montpelier & Wells River freight office.

Mr. Johnson was nothing more than a stripling when he enlisted in the war, and at one time was saved from being killed by Mr. Colby whose size prevented the commanding officer from attacking the slender comrade. Since those days they have been comrades although absent from each other.

COMRADES RE-UNITED.

Boston Man Meets Another Veteran in Montpelier.

Montpelier, Aug. 29.—A campfire, small in numbers but enthusiastic withal, was held at the home of C. W. Colby last night when Mr. Colby entertained Henry T. Johnson of Boston, whom he had not seen in 40 years, they having been comrades in the days of the Civil War. Mr. Johnson is the guest of his cousin, George Leslie of the Montpelier & Wells River freight office.

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MONTPELIER TEACHERS.

Corps the Same as Last Year With Three Exceptions.

Montpelier, August 29.—The assignment of teachers for the Montpelier public schools was made today. The corps is the same with the exception of three, successors being chosen to Miss Julia Holland, who goes to Goddard seminary as a teacher, Miss Nellie Perrin and Miss Collins.

THE WATERMAN HEARING.

Defense to Produce Witnesses Today at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 29.—Judge McGinnis, who is presiding at the preliminary hearing of Walter Waterman, charged with the poisoning of his 3-year-old child, yesterday withheld his decision, which he was expected to give in the case. The action of Judge McGinnis is taken pending further evidence which is to be introduced.

The hearing is to be resumed today and Attorney Howe, counsel for the defendant, will produce witnesses, and State's Attorney Ames will introduce new evidence.

EXPECTS NO STRIKE.

President Baer Optimistic as to Situation in Anthracite Region.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—President Baer of the Reading Railroad company, who returned on Saturday from a trip through the west, does not expect a strike in the anthracite region.

"While I have not been in close touch with the events in the last few weeks," he said, "from what I have heard I believe the miners are better satisfied with present conditions, and we will make a peaceful adjustment of the wage scale for another term of years. The coal interests will certainly do their part to avert a strike."

ORDERED TO WASHINGTON.

Dr. Henry B. McIntyre of Randolph to Take Examinations.

Washington, August 29.—Dr. Henry B. McIntyre, who recently passed the examination for the position of surgeon in the army, has received notice to report for duty at Washington, D. C., October 1, when he will commence an eight month course in the regular army college, prior to his regular duties as surgeon for an enlistment term of five years.

Native of Royalton, Vt.

Manchester, N. H., Aug. 9.—The death of Frank W. Clark occurred at his home in Auburn yesterday. The cause was Bright's disease. He was a native of Royalton, Vt., and was 44 years of age. He is survived by his wife and one son, Henry D. Clark of Auburn; his father, Chester J. Clark, and one brother, Charles H. Clark, both of Royalton, Vt.; and a niece and nephew, Mary E. and Arthur Clark, of Auburn.

Mr. Clark was a member of Rising Star lodge, A. F. and A. M., of South Royalton, Vt. For many years he was employed by the John E. Towle company, but for the last five years had been in charge of the Walter M. Parker estate at Auburn.

HALF CENTURY OF WEDLOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Clark King Observed Mile-stone Today

BY QUIET CELEBRATION

Were Married in Barre, While Residing in East Montpelier—Mr. King Has Held Many Positions of Importance.

At Montpelier today was quietly observed the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clark King, who for thirty years of their married life have resided in that city. They were married in Barre by the Rev. T. R. Spencer of the Universalist church on August 29, 1855, being at that time both residents of that part of Montpelier which is now set apart as East Montpelier. Mr. King will be 75 years of age next October, and Mrs. King passed her 74th birthday last March. While old in years, neither is really old, as activities are reckoned.

Both were born in the town of Montpelier, now East Montpelier, and it was there that the early part of their married life, prior to 1875, when the moved to Montpelier, was spent. Mr. King started out as a farmer and then went into the produce business, in which he was engaged for a quarter of a century, being known as the heaviest butter dealer hereabouts. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and in his town and county has been honored by many offices of importance and trust, has been selectman for five years, being sheriff of Washington county from 1867 to 1870, when elections were held annually. He was elected to the Vermont senate in 1872 and was re-elected in 1874.

Since removing to Montpelier Mr. King and Mrs. King have been prominent three years chairman of the board. Both Mr. and Mrs. King have been prominent in the Church of the Messiah in Montpelier.

Mrs. King's maiden name was Roda P. Dodge, the daughter of Andrew P. Dodge of East Montpelier. For 12 years she was a successful teacher in Washington and Orleans counties. By her fine character she has attracted a large circle of friends.

There was no formal celebration of the happy event today, but friends were received informally at the King residence, 115 Loomis street, Montpelier.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

William Murphy Said to Be Connected With Gouldsville Robbery.

After a hearing before Justice Kent at Northfield, in which evidence was brought out sufficient to hold him for the grand jury, William Murphy, of Burlington, who is charged with robbery at the Gouldsville post office August 11, was placed in the county jail at Montpelier last night. Bail was fixed at \$500 but Murphy was not able to secure a bondsman.

The evidence at the hearing was to the effect that the man was found with the milanges in his possession. Murphy says he found them while walking up the railroad track, and that as soon as he found them he took them to a cigar-maker and asked what he should do with them.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Lieut. C. E. Wheatley of Montpelier to Wed Boston Girl.

Montpelier, Aug. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Fuller of Boston have just announced the engagement of their daughter, Rachael, to Lieutenant Charles Edward Wheatley, United States Artillery Corps. Lieut. Wheatley is the son of the well-known merchant, D. S. Wheatley, of this city and will be congratulated by a large number of people. Lieut. Wheatley is stationed at Fort Fremont, S. C., but the past three years he has been stationed at Boston.

WITH WILLIAMSTOWN GRANGE.

Central Vermont Pomona Grange Is to Meet.

Williamstown, August 29.—The programme of exercises of the Central Vermont Pomona Grange to be held with Williamstown Grange, Wednesday, Aug. 30, commencing at 10:30 a. m., is as follows: Opening in form and reading minutes of last meeting.

Words of welcome. Master of Williamstown Grange to furnish music for the day Routine of business, followed by social and dinner hour.

Musical exercises, in charge of Emma Adams.

Question: What are the prime essentials in feeding animals for dairy or beef purposes, and can it be done in this locality at a profit? Geo. T. Colby, Geo. Smith, Volunteers Music.

Paper: What can woman do to increase the attractions of the farm home to make it the brightest and happiest spot on earth? Mary Morse Paper: What can man do to increase the attractions of the farm home to make it the brightest and happiest spot on earth? Leo W. Seaver Supplementary questions (optional). Music.

The afternoon session is open to the public. George C. Flint, Lecturer.